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Broward College (BC), in partnership with Broward County Public Schools, and other community agency partners including Urban League of Broward County, YMCA of South Florida, Boys and Girls Club of Broward, OIC of South Florida, HANDY, Inc., Hispanic Unity of Florida, Pace Center for Girls of Broward County, Jack and Jill Children’s Center, the FLITE Center, Children’s Services Council of Broward County, Broward Partnership for the Homeless, and Nourishing Lives have joined together to propose the Broward Unlimited Potential (UP) – Promise Neighborhoods project (BUP-PN) - a comprehensive two-generational model community-centric model with underlying support from the community to deliver key programming solutions along the pipeline for children, families and community members. BUP-PN will meet the following objectives – increase age-appropriate functioning to 39%; academic proficiency in math to 48% for grades 3-8 and 33% for high school; academic proficiency in English Language Arts to 45%; attendance to 94.2%; graduation rates to 95%; college enrollment to 54%; completion of postsecondary credential to 33%; income post-training to 37%; fruit and vegetable consumption to 89%; vaccination rates to 90%; feeling safe in school to 66%; stability to 95.1%; parents reading to young children to 49%; increase parents promotion of college and college to 40%; access to internet and computers to 54%; small business revenue by 10%, as well as decrease chronic absenteeism to 94.2%; and community unemployment rates to 6.3%. These objectives will be met through solutions to address the identified gaps/needs of the community. These solutions will be provided by various community partners supporting the five interconnected pipeline blocks of the pipeline continuum: 1) Early Care and Education/Kindergarten Readiness; 2) K-12 Success; 3) High School to Postsecondary and Completion; 4) 21st Century Workforce and Talent; and 5) Mobilizing the Broward UP Community.

Supported by research and evidence base, BUP-PN’s Theory of Change is that providing a good education from early childhood to adulthood leading to an industry certification, technical certificate or degree for a middle to high wage job will reduce the racial inequities and improve life outcomes for the children and youth in Broward UP communities. BUP-PN uses a two-generation approach to deliver key programming components for children and parents learning to desirable short, mid and long-term outcomes that are fully consistent with Promise Neighborhoods’ indicators ranging from increased number of children ready for kindergarten to increased high school graduation rates to increased postsecondary education completion to job placement and employability placement to improved employment earnings and family stability outcomes.

Over the five years, BUP-PN will serve a 14,655 children, parents and community members. The BUP-PN footprint consist of six ZIP codes with disproportionately high unemployment and historically low postsecondary education attainment rates - 33309, 33311, 33313, 33319, 33023, and 33069. BUP-PN will target elementary schools – Broward Estates, Dillard, Rock Island, North Fork, Thurgood Marshall, Larkdale, and Walker in the 33311 ZIP code and Plantation Middle, Annabel C. Perry Prek-8, Parkway 3-8, Dillard 6-12, Lauderhill 6-12, and three high schools - Boyd Anderson, Plantation, and Sunrise located in an urban setting.